

# LONG TICKET MAKES COUNT SLOW; MAYFIELD AND SIMPSON WINNERS

## Johnson Shows Strength in South Alabama. Carrying Beats That Were Not Expected—Congressman Wiley Seems to Have Carried Every County in His District.

### Returns Indicate That Alston and Bilbro Ran Third and Fourth for Supreme Court Justices—Lusk and Asa Rountree Made a Sorry Showing.

Birmingham, May 18.—The Advertiser, Montgomery, Birmingham goes for Bryan by a good majority. Jefferson is for Bryan by a large majority. The State is for Bryan overwhelmingly.

John W. Tomlinson.

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A. G. Smith, Chairman.

The length of the two tickets—County and State—used in the Democratic primary election held yesterday in Alabama made it impossible for the managers to complete their work last night and consequently the returns are unsatisfactory.

Reports were received by The Advertiser from forty-five counties. These incomplete reports show that Johnson's strength was in the cities and towns, while Bryan polled the vote of the country people. Mobile and Montgomery Counties polled a heavy vote for the Minnesota Governor and it is probable he carried the counties of Birmingham and Jefferson County are still in doubt. The vote of Governor Johnson in the city of Birmingham was so large that an early hour this morning the returns of both candidates were claiming a victory.

A singular feature of the primary is shown by the strength developed in south Alabama. Bryan, while losing in the north Alabama seems to have been sold for Bryan, south Alabama showed a preference for the Minnesota Governor. Mobile, gave him a decisive vote, while in the north Alabama and evergreen returned large majorities for the man of Sweden ancestry.

Reports from several counties in North Alabama and in the Western part of the State indicate that Bryan majorities are to be reported. Walker, Lamer, Fayette, Morgan, Lauderdale, Cullman, Blount, Colbert, Limestone and Marshall Counties report Bryan majorities with official figures lacking. Shelby, St. Clair, Calhoun, Etowah and DeKalb Counties went for Bryan according to reports. The election returns received late last night.

Montgomery County, too, appears to have given a majority for Johnson. The managers of the election were not their work until daylight this morning counting the votes on the long tickets.

Mayfield an Easy Winner.

James J. Mayfield of Tuscaloosa, seems to have polled the greatest vote for Justice of the Supreme Court. Next to him is Justice R. T. Simpson. Circuit Judge A. H. Alston and Hon. J. A. Bilbro in the order named. Hon. J. C. Lusk seems to have been lost in the race.

Undoubtedly the nominees for delegates at large to Denver are H. D. Clayton, J. Thomas Hefflin, John W. Tomlinson, about E. W. Booker, E. A. O'Neal and John C. Pugh were nominated for delegates at large. Asa Rountree of Birmingham made a poor showing in the race.

At an early hour these facts were gathered on the Montgomery County situation: Capt. W. B. Whiting has been nominated for Treasurer of Montgomery County.

Morgan S. Gilmer is nominated for County Tax Assessor. W. H. Tice for Coroner. G. W. Covington for County Superintendent of Education. J. H. Cook and David Fleming for Board of Revenue with W. B. Jones and N. H. Grier running neck and neck for that place on that board.

Congressman A. Wiley seems to have carried every County in his District over Hon. Thomas J. Hall despite the fact that Colonel Wiley is on a losing side in the race.

Definite returns from the election may not be expected before late Tuesday.

Report from Birmingham.

Birmingham, Ala., May 18.—Reports from North Alabama counties to The Age-Herald up to 1 o'clock indicate that Bryan has carried all, including Jefferson, the largest county in the State.

Johnson carried two wards in the city of Birmingham. The result in Cullman County, which is almost entirely German. Bryan's vote over Johnson was six to one in that county. The delegates-at-large to the Democratic National Convention appear to be John W. Tomlinson, J. Thomas Hefflin, H. D. Clayton and Capt. E. W. Booker in the order named.

Emmett O'Neal and John C. Pugh have been elected Presidential electors.

There were sixty-eight candidates for five places on the Jefferson County Board of Revenue and the count cannot be completed before tomorrow. Judge H. A. Sharpe and Judge C. C. NeSmith have been re-elected Judges of the City Court.

Johnson Wins in Mobile.

Mobile, May 18.—After a hotly contested municipal campaign the democratic voters of this city today gave Mayor F. J. Lyons a majority of from 800 to 1,000 votes for re-nomination, over C. M. Shepard, the Good Government Club's candidate for the office.

Francis J. Inge, Lyons' running mate at midnight appear to have obtained a majority for president of the council, over W. F. Walsh of the reform faction.

Justice, Alston, 4; Bilbro, 3; Chilton, 6; Lusk, 3; Mayfield, 80; Simpson, 38; Henderson, 72; Wallace, 3; Mastin, 26. The County has probably given Bryan a majority.

CLAY.

Lineville, May 18.—(Special).—Clay County is almost solid for Bryan. Delegates at large, Tomlinson, Clayton, Bookman, Hefflin, Lusk and Mayfield lead. Letwisch is nominated for county superintendent of education.

COFFEE.

Elba, May 18.—(Special).—In the primary election held in Coffee County today the towns of Elba polled a large majority for Johnson of Minnesota. For Democratic nominee for President, Johnson will likely carry the county. For Supreme Court Justice, Alston and Simpson carried Elba. For delegates at large for Democratic National Convention, H. D. Clayton and R. M. Cunningham lead.

Enterprise, May 18.—(Special).—No figures on election are obtainable. About three-fourths of the county has voted. Bryan seems to be in the lead, while Alston, Chilton and Lusk for Judge of Supreme Court and Clayton, Hefflin and Cunningham are in the lead for electors.

Nominations for county officers will have to be decided by a second primary.

COLBERT.

Tusculum, May 18.—(Special).—The election managers in Colbert County are giving the county ticket preference in the count tonight, in numerous instances leaving the State ticket until tomorrow.

From the returns at a late hour Bryan has carried the county by a good majority, though Johnson received a flattering vote. Simpson for Supreme Court Judge carries the county practically solid, the vote between Mayfield and Alston being close.

Wallace for Game Commissioner carries the county overwhelmingly.

COOSA.

Goodwater, May 18.—(Special).—Election quiet. Returns from four beats give Bryan 198, Johnson 88. Electors Fifth Congressional District, C. S. Cornelius 198, W. S. Smith, 101. Assistant Justice, Alston 68, Bilbro 28, Chilton 7, Mayfield 200, Simpson 207. Game Warden, Mastin, 88; Wallace 187. County votes: Tax Collector, Newell, majority 108; Assessor, Boyle, 28 majority. Superintendent of Education, Sox 160 majority.

CONCEAL.

Evergreen, May 18.—(Special).—Evergreen beat gave Johnson 108; Bryan 80. Delegates from State at large: Booker, 43; Clayton, 140; Cunningham, 43; Hefflin, 136; Kyle, 61; Moody, 78; Tomlinson, 109. Electors: O'Neal, 135; Pugh, 136; Rountree, 46. For Associate Justice: Alston, 44; Bilbro, 23; Chilton, 54; Lusk, 11; Mayfield, 138; Simpson, 34.

Returns from other beats cannot be ascertained tonight.

For Congressman Second Congressional District, this beat gives Hall, 88; Wiley, 143.

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CULLMAN.

Cullman, May 18.—(Special).—Fourteen beats of Cullman County give Bryan an overwhelming majority of at least 5 to 1.

Alston leads for Justice of the Supreme Court, with Lusk, Bilbro, Simpson and Mayfield in the order named.

The county voted solidly for Wallace for Game Commissioner.

Tolinson, Hefflin and Clayton had received the vote of the county for delegates at large to Denver.

Rountree and O'Neal secured the vote of the county for electors.

CRENSHAW.

Luverne, May 18.—(Special).—The following are the returns from Luverne beat: Bryan, 177; Johnson, 15; Booker, 164; Clayton, 140; Cunningham, 38; Hefflin, 204; Kyle, 61; Moody, 78; Tomlinson, 109. Electors: O'Neal, 135; Pugh, 136; Rountree, 46. For Associate Justice: Alston, 44; Bilbro, 23; Chilton, 54; Lusk, 11; Mayfield, 138; Simpson, 34.

No reports have come in from the county beats.

DALLAS.

Selma, May 18.—(Special).—At midnight the State ticket has not been completed in counting by the inspectors in the primary election of today, in the city beats.

In the Third Ward, after the county ticket has been counted, about half of the State ticket the inspectors wearied and postponed the remainder of the counting until tomorrow.

Enough returns have been received from the city and county to demonstrate that Bryan has carried Dallas overwhelmingly. In the Second Ward, the largest ward in the city, with only about thirty more votes, not over 300, did Bryan have received 185 to Johnson's 115. In the Fifth Ward Bryan received 91 to Johnson's 45. In the country precincts, few in number heard from, Bryan's majority is overwhelming.

The accredited Bryan delegates from the State at large will run with varying strength. Hefflin probably leading the ticket.

Thus far in the race for Associate Justices, Simpson and Mayfield will distance all opponents. Lusk will receive the lightest vote, not over 300 all told, with Alston and Chilton next.

For elector O'Neal and Pugh will lead Rountree by about 4 to 1.

The county ticket resulted in the election of Lumpkin Tax Assessor, and Phillips, Tax Collector, over Lloyd and Babcock my majorities more than 2 to 1. In fact the county race was a foregone conclusion and not a great deal of interest was taken in it.

The race for constable in the city precinct between F. J. Bowline, Phillips Fulford and M. R. Jones was perfunctory. The highest vote of the day and resulted in the nomination of Fulford by 166 plurality.

ETOWAH.

Gadsden, May 18.—(Special).—The county ticket is being counted first. It is impossible to learn anything at this time relating to the State ticket. It will probably be 1 o'clock before the count on the State ticket will be started.

General indications are that Bryan has a sweeping victory throughout the county. It is estimated tonight that his majority will be four to one over Johnson.

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For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court will not lose a single vote in this county. Wallace, for State Game Commissioner will carry the county.

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### Kills His Wife With a Knife.

### CLAIMS HE WAS INSANE

### Rev. S. A. Coffman Had Just Concluded Successful Revival.

### He Declared That a Moment After the Crime He Regained His Senses and Realized What He Had Done.

Fairmont, W. Va., May 18.—Temporarily insane, according to his own statement, the Rev. S. A. Coffman, aged 50, a prominent Methodist Episcopal clergyman, killed his wife early today by cutting her throat from ear to ear. A moment after the crime, he says, he regained his senses and realized what he had done. He immediately surrendered himself and was locked up.

Yesterday he finished his revival and today he was in the hospital, about three miles from here, and is in charge of two or three local churches. His wife was a member of a prominent local family and was 38 years old. During the past week or two he has been conducting a series of revival services and has been adding to the membership of the churches under his care.

When he looked on the lifeless body of his wife, he was so overcome with grief that he was unable to speak. He was immediately restored and he realized what he had done.

There was a struggle during which Coffman succeeded in escaping from the house to a garden at the rear. She was followed closely, however, by her husband, and when he caught up with her another battle for her life took place, when she was overpowered. Coffman had taken a knife with him when he followed his wife to the garden, and when he had her powerless in his grasp he cut her throat from ear to ear, causing instant death. According to a statement made by the minister, when he looked on the lifeless body of his wife, his sanity was immediately restored and he realized what he had done.

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## SESSION FAILS TO MATERIALIZE

### No Quorum of Arkansas Legislature.

### GOVERNOR PINDALL UPHELD

### No Attempt Made to Elect New Senate President.

### The Proceedings in the Senate Took Up Nothing but the Question of How to Properly Adjourn.

Little Rock, Ark., May 18.—The Arkansas Legislature failed to convene today in pursuance to a call issued by Speaker Allen H. Hamiter, while he was acting Governor, and as the result there will be no extraordinary session of that body.

Noon and afternoon sessions were held by members of both the Senate and House, but there was not a quorum at any of the four sessions. The House, at the close of the afternoon session, adjourned sine die. The Senate met as a mass meeting of Senators at the afternoon session and adopting resolutions recognizing Acting Governor X. O. Pindall's power to revoke Speaker Hamiter's call for an extra session, agreed to disperse and return home.

Contrary to expectations, no attempt was made in the Senate to elect a new President of that body and thus institute an ouster movement against Governor Pindall. However, the possibility of a movement of that kind were so great before the Senate met that Governor Pindall, fearing such an attack at a minute or two after 12, started to leave his office for the Senate chamber with the intention of presiding. Previously, he had declared that he would not recognize the session as he had issued a proclamation revoking the call. Governor Pindall was stopped at the threshold of his office by George W. Donaghy of Conway, Democratic nominee for Governor, who advised against him going to the Senate chamber.

Governor Pindall accepted his advice and returned to his office. He did not go near the Senate chamber at either session.